Washington City, Dec. 2d. 47

Dear Sir,

Our looking over some letters during my operations in the S. Court the present year, I find your favor of the 7th July (last) which was sent to my brothers Wm, and thence to me at that time to Chicago - or rather, I rec'd it at Chicago on returning to that place from the harvest, and intended to reply to it earlier, but which was delayed by pressing engagements, and not having called of Mr. Brown of Cincinnati the amt due you for commissions, &c.

I will now say that, having collected the note of $80 due Sept. 1st 1846, from A. C. Brown to your son, if you and he will authorize me to pay to Mr. McComas out of it the balance of your debt due him for sickles, (if still unpaid,) which he thinks I should be paid as the contract was made through me, I will pay over the balance to your son's order - reserving the $10 - I loaned him at Cincinnati - and will charge you

nothing for the Rimrock Ranges, for which you had agreed to pay $25-, as stated.

I hope this arrangement will suit your views and convenience, observing as you no doubt will, the delicacy of my situation in relation to Mr. McInnis's debt amount.

I do not know what difference there may yet be between you and Mr. McG. unsettled, (if any) but had understood about the time I left Town, say 1st of March last, that there was then a balance unpaid, and that Mr. McG. was very urgent for payment, and desired to see me in relation to it, &c. I did not see him, however, and recollect no particulars at present about it, but take it for granted that the amt. will be known between you and him.

As it is necessary to hear from you with your own relation to this matter, and may probably be also necessary for him to hear from you, I have thought it best that you either inclose this to him or write him its contents, and that each of you write me at Steele's Bar., Augusta Co., as I hope to reach home from the 15th to the 20th inst. - which will allow time to carry out the arrangement without delay.

You also say in your letter, "In the event of not selling out next year, will you be so good as to give

my authority in a more formal manner than that in your letter of 13th. Jany. 1844, & all markings until in our readiness." I have no recollection of what I stated in the letter to which you refer; but do not hesitate to say that "in the event" of your not selling out the remainder of the 28 Reapers to which you refer in your letter for the next harvest, you shall have the right to sell the same at any subsequent time any where in the eight counties for which you have been appointing. This I suppose to be what you desire.

My operations continue to grow a little from time to time. I succeeded my self in the last harvest, and have united with Mrs. of Chicago (who built 100 for the last harvest) in the purchase of a $6000 lot, and the erection of a large establishment upon it, for the manufacture of 500 Reapers for the next harvest. Several hundred additional, have been contracted for additional at this place. But these things require candidate effort and attention.

I think prospects seem promising enough when to me as I have heard it said for a good harvest next year, and I hope you will "sell out" under the arrangements you have made. Thanking you for your continued kind solicitudes, and heartily returning the same to you, and yours, I remain,

Very truly, Your Ld. Obt. Servt

C. H. McCormick

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Yours &c.

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Please return this to me when you are done with it.

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